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SUBJ: NKOMOS STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 12

REPTEL LUSAKA 2726 NOTAL

1. ACCORDING TO THE ZAMBIAN DAILY MAIL OCTOBER 12, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY JOSHUA NKOMO SIMULTANEOUSLY IN LUSAKA AND SALISBURY OCTOBER 11.

2. QUOTE "WE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCES IN OUR LIBERATION STRUGGLE. AS A RESULT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY COMINGS AND GOING OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENVOYS MAKING PROMISES ABOUT MAJORITY RULE WHICH CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION. FOR US ZIMBABWEANS, HOWEVER, WHO HAVE BORNE THE BURDEN OF OPPRESSION FOR SCORES OF YEARS, THE SIMPLE AND STRIGHTFORWARD TEST IS NOT EXCITEMENT OVER PROMISES, BUT WHETHER THE ACTUAL POWER OF MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MAJORITY AND WHETHER THE COLONISING POWER, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IS SERIOUSLY COMMITTED TO DECOLONISING RHODESIA. SO FAR, ACTUAL POWER IS STILL IN THE HANDS OF PRIVILEGED RACIST MINORITY. TRUE ENOUGH THERE IS A PROPOSED CONFERENCE DUE IN A FEW WEEKS TIME TO SET UP A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, BUT THIS CONFERENCE CAN ONLY BE MEANINGFUL IF ITS ROLE IS TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

THERE IS NO CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT BRITAIN IS SERIOUSLY COMMITTED TO DECOLONISING RHODESIA. HER POSTURE IS NOT DIFFERENT FROM THE

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 IN ALL THESE, AS IN THE PRESENT EXERCISE, SHE TAKES THE TRANSFER OF
 POWER TO THE MAJORITY CONDITIONAL ON ACCEPTANCE AND BEING BROUGHT
 INTO EFFECT BY THE MAJORITY BEING AND NOT BY HIMSELF.
 HIS, CERTAIN KNOWS, IS THE TRAPPING WHICH HAS UNDERMINED ALL
 ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE RHODESIAN QUESTION. IN ANY CASE HE HAVE TO
 REPLY ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT. AS I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR SEVERAL TIMES
 IN THE PAST, HE WAST THE POWER OF INDEPENDENCE TO BE ANCHORED TO
 THE MAJORITY TO GUARANTEE A TRULY DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.
 ALL THE INSTITUTIONS OF PUBLIC LIFE MUST BE DEMOCRATISED
 TO ENSURE THAT POWER RESTS WITH THE PEOPLE. THE OBJECTIVE IS
 POWER TO THE PEOPLE. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE PRESTIGIOUS
 OR OF EMPTY MINISTERIAL POSTS OR IN THE DISPLAY OF GLAMOUR
 GLITTER OF A HEALTHY FEE.
 CANNOT EITHER, AFTER THE SACRIFICE OF SO MANY LIVES AND SO
 MANY YEARS IN STRUGGLE, ALLOW OPPORTUNISTS AND WAYLAYERS TO SLIP
 TO THE SHOES OF THE PRIVILEGED MINORITY TO MAINTAIN THE SAME
 SYSTEM BUT WITH BLACK FACES.
 MUST BE POWER TO THE PEOPLE.
 EN TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE, POWER TO END ALL
 MINORITY PRIVILEGES, RACISM AND TRAVELISM, POWER TO END ALL
 EXPLOITATION OF LABOUR AND TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS GET THE JUST
 WINGS OF THEIR SWEAT, POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE ECONOMIC
 SYSTEM FUNCTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE, POWER TO
 GUARANTEE THAT ALL SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE HEALTH AND EDUCATION REACH
 EVERY HOME AND EVERY CHILD, POWER TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE
 LIFE AND OPPORTUNITIES OF EVERY ZIMBABWEAN AS PROPOSED TO THE RIGHT.
 OF TODAY AND TO SECURITY OFFICERS ARE OBLIGED OF WATER AND
 BY THE PEOPLE.
 MUST REPEAT THAT BY ZIMBABWEAN I DO NOT MEAN TO EXCLUDE ANY
 CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY BY BIRTH OR BY CHOICE.
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